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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Caroline	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON	16-5010
Old Mansion	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	
Old Mansion; Bowling Green	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 mi. W of Maracossie Creek, .1 mi. W of Rt. 2 (Rt. 301), .4 mi. S of intersection of Rt. 2 (Rt. 301) and Rt. 207.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Bowling Green			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Virginia	45	Caroline	033

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME:			
Miss Anne White; Mr. John Cecil; Miss Jane Cecil; Mrs. Anthony Haas			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
510 N. Meadow Street			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	Virginia
Richmond	Virginia	45	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Caroline County Circuit Court			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	Caroline
Bowling Green	Virginia	45	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 110 acres			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941	Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	District of Columbia
Washington	District of Columbia	08	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original front portion of the Old Mansion is a one and one-half story brick structure with dormers and a jerkin head roof with exterior chimneys. The brick in the water table is English bond, and above, Flemish bond with glazed headers. The nine over nine pane windows have flat, rubbed brick arches, whereas the basement windows have segmental arches. The narrow dormer features hipped roofs. A later front porch obscures the first floor facade of the house. The frame addition, added to the rear of the house in the mid-eighteenth century, is covered by a gambrel roof with shed dormers. The addition, like the main part of the house, has a modillioned cornice.

Except for the removal of two partitions and a mantel, virtually all of the original interior features remain. The woodwork is, however, quite simple.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☒19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☒Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Built circa 1670 on a 17,000 acre land grant, the Old Mansion was originally called Bowling Green, taking its name from the large bowling green on the lawn. The name was changed to the Old Mansion when Major John Hoomes, the first owner, donated land for a courthouse and other public buildings, giving the name of his estate to the town. The house had a race track around the lawn and became widely known for its stables.

Among those entertained at the Old Mansion were General George Washington and some of his troops who camped on the lawn, as well as Lafayette who was honored at a banquet after the victory at Yorktown.

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Obviously not AHC woodwork

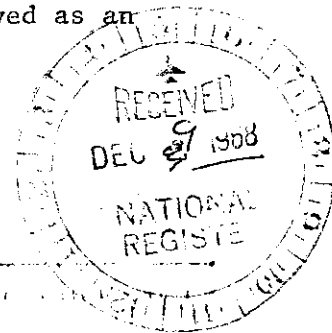
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